

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 10/050,780)	
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Filed: January 18, 2002)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD)	
AND IMAGE PROCESSING	:	
APPARATUS)	
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

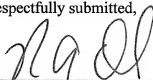
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2007, Applicant hereby elects Species I (the species of the embodiment disclosed on page 11, line 15, in particular, the invention directed to preservation means for preserving an amount of the result of processing), on which Claims 1-20 are readable, for initial prosecution on the merits.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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